

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A communications interface device for transferring signals between a selected discrete Computer and a selected discrete telephone, the interface device comprising:

a housing;

~~processing~~ interface means accommodated by the housing for processing signals received from the selected discrete Computer and the selected discrete telephone;

A1 first connecting means in or on the housing connectable selectively to the selected discrete Computer so that signals can be transmitted between the first connecting means and the selected discrete Computer, the first connecting means also being connected to the ~~processing~~ interface means; and

a second connecting means in or on the housing connectable selectively to ~~a~~ the selected discrete telephone so that signals can be transmitted between the second connecting means and the selected discrete telephone, the second connecting means also being connected to the ~~processing~~ interface means,

the selected discrete computer being one of a plurality of discrete computers selectively connectable to the first connecting means and the selected discrete telephone being one of a plurality of discrete telephones selectively connectable to

the second connecting means.

2. (Original) A communications interface device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the housing comprises a substantially enclosed box, the box having an externally provided recess for receiving a telephone.

A / 3. (Original) A device as claimed in claim 2 wherein the recess is configured so that the telephone is oriented in a substantially vertical position so that the antenna thereof is positioned for optimal signal strength.

4. (Original) A communications interface device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first connecting means is an RJ-11 plug.

5. (Original) A communications interface device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first connecting means is a serial port.

6. (Original) A communications interface device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first connecting means is a USB port.

7. (Original) A communications interface device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first connecting means comprises an infra red transceiver.

8. (Original) A communications interface device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the telephone is a land telephone which transmits signals through cables.

9. (Original) A communications interface device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the telephone is a wireless telephone.

10. (Currently amended) A communications interface device as claimed in claim ~~1~~ 9 wherein the wireless telephone is one selected from the group consisting of a cellular and PCS telephone.

11. (Currently amended) A communications interface device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the ~~processing~~ interface means comprises a modem.

12. (Currently amended) A communications interface device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the ~~processing~~ interface means comprises an acoustic coupler.

13. (Currently amended) A communications interface device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the ~~processing~~ interface means comprises a modem and an acoustic coupler.

14. (Original) A communications interface device as claimed in claim 12 further comprising a microphone and speaker forming part of the acoustic coupler.

15. (Original) A communications interface device as claimed in claim 12 further comprising a headset plug for connection to a cellular phone, the headset plug forming the communications interface.

AI 16. (Original) A communications interface device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the second connecting means comprises an RJ-11 port.

17. (Original) A communications interface device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the second connecting means comprises a serial cable-port connector.

18. (Original) A communications interface device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the second connecting means comprises a 2.5mm cable.

19. (Original) A communications interface device as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a power source.

20. (Original) A device as claimed in claim 19 wherein the power source is a battery.

21. (Original) A device as claimed in claim 19 wherein the power source is external power and the device comprises an AC connector to receive such power.

22. (Original) A communications interface device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the first connecting means is a compact flash or PCMCIA connection.

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23. (Original) A communications interface device as claimed in claim 1 wherein the second connecting means is a compact flash of PCMCIA connection.

24. (Original) A communications interface device as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a dial-up Internet access and software for use with a plurality of Computers having a plurality of operating systems.

25. (Currently amended) A communications interface device comprising:

a casing comprising a base portion and a lid hinged thereto, the lid being movable between an open and closed position with

respect to the base portion, the casing defining a chamber;

a microphone located within the chamber;

a speaker located within the chamber;

means for varying the distance between the microphone and the speaker;

a power source;

at least one connection port to facilitate communication between the interface device and a selected discrete Computer; and

A1 a modem connected to the microphone and/or speaker as well as the connection port.

26. (Original) A communications interface device as claimed in claim 25 further comprising acoustic insulation members on the speaker and microphone.

27. (Original) A device as claimed in claim 25 wherein the power source comprises a battery located within the housing.

28. (Original) A device as claimed in claim 25 wherein the power source is external to the interface device, and the interface device further comprises an AC connector for receiving such power.

29. (Original) A device as claimed in claim 25 wherein the connection port comprises an infra red transceiver.

30. (Original) A device as claimed in claim 25 wherein the connection port comprises a USB connector.

31. (Original) A device as claimed in claim 25 wherein the connection port comprises an RJ-11 connector.

A1 32. (Original) A device as claimed in claim 25 further comprising attachment means on the exterior of the casing to facilitate attachment of the interface device.

33. (Currently amended) A communications interface comprising:
~~processing~~ interface means for processing signals between a selected discrete Computer and a selected discrete telephone;
first connecting means connectable selectively to the selected discrete Computer and the ~~processing~~ interface means;
and

a second connecting means connectable selectively to the telephone and the ~~processing~~ interface means,

the selected discrete computer being one of a plurality of discrete computers selectively connectable to the first connecting means and the selected discrete telephone being one

of a plurality of discrete telephones selectively connectable to the second connecting means.

34. (Currently amended) A method for transferring signals between a selected discrete Computer and a selected discrete telephone, the method comprising:

AI providing ~~processing~~ interface means for processing signals received from the selected discrete Computer and the selected discrete telephone;

connecting first connecting means to the ~~processing~~ interface means, the first connecting means being connectable selectively to the selected discrete Computer so that signals can be transmitted between the first connecting means and the selected discrete Computer; and

connecting second connecting means to the ~~processing~~ interface means, the second connecting means being connectable to the selected discrete telephone so that signals can be transmitted between the second connecting means and the selected discrete telephone.

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